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SUBJ: JAPANESE WIRE SERVICE REPORTS ON PRC DRAFT CONSTITUTION

REF: A. PEKING 1394; B. 1970 HONG KONG 4500

SUMMARY. A KYODO WIRE SERVICE ITEM PURPORTING TO BE A PRC DRAFT CONSTITUTION CONTAINS A NUMBER OF DUBIOUS POINTS AS PRESENTED. IN PARTICULAR IT APPEARS TO IGNORE THE ACHIEVEMENTS OF THE CULTURAL REVOLUTION AND TO OMIT REFERENCES TO MAO'S THOUGHTS, BOTH ITEMS UNLIKELY TO BE LEFT OUT GIVEN PEKING'S PRESENT BALANCE AT THE CENTER. END SUMMARY.

1. KYODO WIRE SERVICE (SEPTEMBER 20) REPORTS THEIR UNOFFICIAL TRANSLATION OF PARTS OF A PRC DRAFT CONSTITUTION WHICH THEY RECENTLY OBTAINED. THE KYODO ITEM DOES NOT PROVIDE ANY SOURCE FOR ITS TEXT. THE PURPORTED DRAFT APPEARS TO BE A VERY CLOSE APPROXIMATION OF THE DRAFT CIRCULATED IN CHINA IN LATE 1970 (REF B).

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2. ARTICLES OF THE CURRENT PURPORTED DRAFT GIVEN BY KYODO,

APPEAR TO CLOSELY FOLLOW THE NUMERICAL ALIGNMENT OF THE 1970 DRAFT AND MATCH IT EXACTLY IN THE REPORTED NUMBER OF ARTICLES--THIRTY. THE MAJOR ITEMS OF VARIANCE, WITH THE EXCEPTION OF PREDICTABLE DELETIONS OF LIN PIAO REFERENCES, ARE THOSE WHICH OMIT THE POLICIES AND GOALS MOST CLOSELY ASSOCIATED WITH THE LEFTIST LEADERSHIP IN PEKING. FOR EXAMPLE, THE STATEMENT REFERRING TO MAO'S THOUGHT AS THE "GUIDING PRINCIPLE FOR ALL

WORK" IN THE 1970 DRAFT IS NOT CONTAINED IN THE PURPORTED 1974

VERSION. SIMILARLY, ACHIEVEMENTS OF THE CULTURAL REVOLUTION APPEAR TO HAVE BEEN SWEEPED AWAY IN THE PURPORTED 1974 DRAFT, AS BOTH THE THREE-IN-ONE COMBINATION (ARMY, CADRE AND MASSES) WHICH RESULTED IN THE REVOLUTIONARY COMMITTEES, AS WELL AS THE THREE-IN-ONE COMBINATION OF OLD, MIDDLE-AGED, AND YOUNG ARE ELIMINATED.

3. COMMENT. THIS PURPORTED DRAFT, IF ACCURATE, WOULD BE A MAJOR DEFEAT FOR CHIANG CHING AND OTHER LEFTISTS WHO HAVE CLAIMED THEIR RIGHT TO AUTHORITY ON BEING INTERPRETERS OF MAOIST CANON. THE SWEEPING AWAY OF THE CULTURAL REVOLUTION LEGACIES EXALTED IN LAST YEAR'S TENTH PARTY CONGRESS AND LIONIZED IN THE CURRENT MOVEMENT SEEMS HIGHLY UNLIKELY. MOREOVER, WE FEEL THAT THE PROBLEM WITH THE DRAFT, AS IT IS PRESENTED NOW, IS THAT IT FAILS TO REFLECT THE OBVIOUSLY DELICATE BALANCING GAME NOW BEING PLAYED IN PEKING AND COMES DOWN HARD--TOO HARD--AGAINST THE LEFT.

CONCEIVABLY THE KYODO TRANSLATION IS ONLY A PARTIAL RENDITION BASED ON SOME QUICK NOTE-TAKING IN WHICH CASE THE SUBJECT WOULD BEAR FURTHER ATTENTION. JAPANESE CONGEN SOURCES HERE HAVE NO FURTHER INFORMATION BEYOND THE WIRE SERVICE COPY, BUT AGREE IF THE KYODO TRANSLATION IS ALLEGED TO BE A FULL DRAFT TEXT, IT IS A FABRICATION.

4. FOR TOKYO: WE WOULD APPRECIATE ANY INFORMATION THAT COULD SHED FURTHER LIGHT ON THE KYODO REPORT.
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